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FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS

SUBJECT: PANAMA REPRESENTATIVE IN OAS

REF: STATE 17936

1. GENERAL TORRIJOS HAS BEEN AT HIS BEACH HOUSE FOR PAST FOUR DAYS. BUT I RAISED IN DETAIL WITH TRUSTED MUTUAL FRIEND WHO WAS GOING TO SEE HIM OUR CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH OAS REP. PITY. I QUOTED LANGUAGE USED BY LATTER AND NOTED THAT THIS ATTITUDE AND HIS FREQUENTLY OFFENSIVE TACTICS HAVE REGULARLY RASIED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US. WE COULD NOT TALK OF QUOTE PARTNERSHIP UNQUOTE AND QUOTE NEW LEVELS OF COOPERATION UNQUOTE WITH PANAMA WHEN ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE OAS WAS CONSISTENTLY PILLORYING US. I STRESSED THAT PARTNERSHIP HAD TO BE TWO-WAY STREET.

2. I HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT TORRIJOS FULLY UNDERSTOOD MY MESSAGE. HE HAS TALKED WITH PITY AND GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE LATTER IS TO STOP ATTACKING THE U.S. TORRIJOS SAID HE WAS SORRY ABOUT PITY TACTICS AND ASSURED ME WE WOULD NOT BE HEARING ANY MORE OF THIS KIND OF THING.

3. ASSUME BILL MAILLARD AND BOB WHITE WILL BE MONITORING THIS. I SHOULD BE INFORMED IF PITY CONTINUES HIS UNCALLED FOR ACTIONS AND POSTURE.

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